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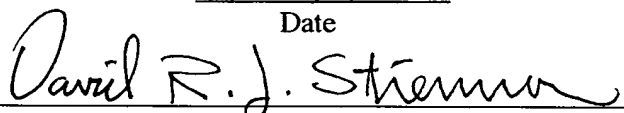
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following documents:

United States Patents

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
3,493,093	Hammer et al.	02-03-1970
3,713,850	Gasbjerg	01-30-1973

3,910,174	Nelles	10-07-1975
3,923,071	Lada	12-02-1975
4,068,014	Heimbruch	01-10-1978
4,206,238	Rothenbuhler	06-03-1980
4,815,368	Nelles	03-28-1989
5,018,440	Johnson	05-28-1991
5,195,426	Thuli	03-23-1993

#### Other Documents

Wisconsin Professional Engineer, Volume 36, Number 5, July 1995, pp. 1-2

"Deep Pit Brining", Jake Nelles, Marschall Italian & Specialty Cheese Seminars, pp. 1-3

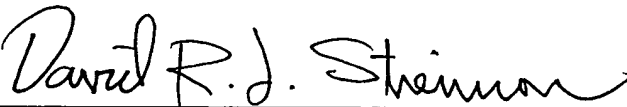
Intralox Modular Plastic Conveyor Belts, Belt Selection Guide, © 2000 Intralox, Inc 14516-IN, pp. 1-31

"Automatic Vertical Serpentine Brine System" CAD drawing, c. 1995. Applicant reserves the right, if necessary, to establish that this apparatus, which was the subject of the award discussed in the Wisconsin Professional Engineer article above, was not in public use within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Copies of these documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B.

Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "documents cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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
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